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Reaching for the rapids

A kayaker braves the Gull River at the Minden Whitewater Preserve Aug. 14. The site is being used in filming of *Reacher* season five starting this week. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

'Reacher' to make appearance in Minden

By Lisa Gervais

The Minden Whitewater Preserve will be one of the locations used for filming season five of *Reacher* on Amazon Prime.

The season - production title *Honcho* - will adapt Lee Child's 20th novel, *Make Me*, and is expected to premiere in late 2027 or 2028.

The preserve announced earlier this month the campground and trails would be closed Aug. 24-30 for filming.

The Township of Minden Hills said on Monday (Aug. 17) that JRS5 TV Productions Ltd. said they plan to film exterior scenes for *Honcho* at Harrington Park and Whitewater Ontario with crews on site starting Aug. 20 to potentially as late as Sept. 4. The township said temporary lane occupancy and intermittent traffic control may occur on Horseshoe Lake Road.

Preserve director, Dave Gillespie, said the film production company has rented the private property site, owned by Whitewater Ontario. The Township of Minden Hills has also given permits to close Harrington Park and the lower trail by the footbridge.

Gillespie said there would be large trucks, heavy equipment, 100-150 people, and security on site.

The show stars Alan Ritchson as main character, Jack Reacher.

Gillespie told *The Highlander* they were contacted by a scout, looking for locations to match the script.

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Season five to air in late 2027 or early 2028

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That scout "identified the Minden Whitewater Preserve as a possible site that had clean water and access on the shore of the river and had a community that could fit in their scale of operation."

He said when the scout came for a preliminary site meeting, "his eyes popped open."

Gillespie said the preserve has a lot of pluses: "providing great access, trails on both sides of the river, and the volume is managed by the Trent Severn Waterway, which allows the film crew to have some degree of expectation for what the flow is like that time of year, or that particular day." Gillespie added the preserve's neighbours "seem to be understanding. The community is supportive."

Potential for future films

It's not the first time the preserve has had a television audience. It served as the official canoe and kayak slalom venue for the 2015 Toronto Pan-American Games.

Gillespie noted when Roger Parsons identified the site back in the 1960s, they raised money to purchase it and renovate with money from a movie shoot. In the last 15 years, there have been Toyota commercials, other TV shows, and a Hallmark Christmas movie.

"We've gone from hosting the Pan-American Games to national championships and some local, smaller, events. In recent years, we've been hosting weddings, and birthday parties, because people can rent the property and we are happy to be part of the community in that way," he added. Gillespie said they'd also become a training site for rescue agencies.

He said the rental fees from the show are a significant boost to their river rehabilitation fund, and for other site projects.

"We're looking to do things to enhance the river experience for all users, including anglers, painters, and photographers… trying to think big picture … how to do things that will support a broader community."

Being featured in *Reacher* is definitely a step up, Gillespie said. "We're very excited."

As for economic impact, Gillespie added that while film crews tend to bring their own mini-villages, there have been, and will be, some accommodation rentals, dining out and shopping.

County manager of tourism, Angelica Ingram, said they're also pleased with the opportunity to showcase "the distinctive landscapes and visitor experiences found throughout the Haliburton Highlands."

Minden Whitewater Preserve director Dave Gillespie. *Submitted.*

She said the County's tourism team has been working with preserve staff to support production planning and help address logistical needs where possible.

"We continue to see strong potential for future film activity in the region and have created a dedicated webpage to help production companies access key information and answers to common questions."

Lost Oshawa plane located in Wolf Lake near Minden

By Mike Baker

Ontario Provincial Police confirmed Wednesday (Aug. 19) that the body of a missing 73-year-old Oshawa pilot had been recovered from Wolf Lake near Minden.

Search efforts for David Douglas had been underway since Friday (Aug. 14). Military personnel spent three days scouring forested areas around Haliburton and Peterborough counties and the Kawartha Lakes, looking for signs of a home-built blue and yellow aircraft Douglas flew out of Oshawa Executive Airport around 8:30 a.m.

Durham Regional Police said the pilot was heading north towards the Balsam Lake area and was expected back around an hour later. When he didn't arrive, a search began, with the military deploying its Lockheed C-130 Hercules over the weekend. Debris from the plane was located on Monday (Aug. 17) near Wolf Lake.

In a post to social media on Tuesday morning, the joint rescue coordination centre (JRCC) out of Trenton confirmed their work had ended with the matter now becoming a search and rescue investigation, led by the OPP.

Officers with the Kawartha Lakes detachment assisted with the search, as well as the underwater search and recovery unit (USRU), aviation services and other partners to extensively search the area.

After recovering debris on Tuesday, police said they located the rest of the missing plane submerged in Wolf Lake later that day. They confirmed the pilot's body had also been found. As of Wednesday, an extraction plan was being co-ordinated by investigators.

The incident is now being investigated by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, the independent federal agency responsible for advancing the country's transportation safety policies and legislation. Police said they will continue to assist as required.

The home-built plane. *X.*

No AI slop

Dysart gives boat races the all-clear

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The return of the annual Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) powerboat regatta to Head Lake over the weekend (Aug. 15-16) reignited a long-standing debate on how Haliburton balances economic activity with environmental health at its local fixture.

While an inquiry into shoreline residue triggered a provincial pollution report on Monday (Aug. 17), municipal field tests, event organizers, and regulators have confirmed surface sheens at Rotary Beach were the result of natural organic decay rather than petroleum runoff from a weekend of heavy boating activity.

The 11th annual, two-day, event brought high-speed hydroplanes back to Head Lake over the weekend, and was dedicated to late Dysart et al mayor, Murray Fearrey.

Acting mayor Walt McKechnie paid tribute to Fearrey's pivotal role in establishing the event while highlighting its ongoing support for local health care.

"Eleven years ago, Murray Fearrey stood on the beach of Haliburton Lake watching a sample of this sport," McKechnie wrote in a statement published in the event handbook. The acting mayor noted Fearrey worked alongside event organizer, Barb Hammond, to present the proposal to council.

"Murray would be proud and happy to welcome the Toronto Outboard Racing Club back. Every dollar raised is one more dollar our hospital did not have yesterday."

Organizers said $6,000, including a $1,000 donation from TORC, was raised for Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

Concerns about lake health came up Monday morning after sheens were documented along the beach and on surface water near the visitor centre. It prompted an inquiry to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Spills Action Centre (SAC), which logged an incident report and referred to the municipality for investigation.

Municipal staff conducted an on-site assessment of the beach Tuesday morning. *The Highlander* witnessed the physical testing of the water, which consisted of disturbing the surface film with a stick, which showed the sheen breaking into rigid sections.

A lone Canada goose sits on Head Lake as powerboats race by. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

What that means in water science is that an oily-looking layer that breaks into sharp pieces when poked is usually a natural, organic slime cluster from rotting plants or bacteria. Should the greasy layer be petroleum or oil, the substance stretches like rubber and swirls into shiny rainbow ribbons.

Provincial officials have said that these organic sheens are often mistaken for petroleum-based spills, resulting in members of the public reporting what are often called bog sheens to environmental authorities.

Ashley Dembinski, Dysart's environment manager, confirmed to *The Highlander* supplemental laboratory water sampling and spill containment measures were deemed unnecessary following consultation with the province.

"As we did not observe a gas smell yesterday or this morning and the matter on the water broke up both times rather than sticking together, [MECP] deemed our review to be the presence of organic matter decay," Dembinski said, adding photos forwarded to the ministry raised no concerns with officials.

In a statement, TORC said the club follows "strict environmental standards" across all racing sites and suggested other watercraft on the lake over the weekend could have contributed to general lake activity. The club said Head Lake is a relatively shallow body of water and natural organic processes frequently produce film-like surfaces.

"Marsh waters often show a colourful, oil film that looks like a gasoline spill. This was created by a harmless anaerobic bacteria in the mud," the club said. "When disturbed, this natural bacteria push a shimmering metallic or rainbow-like colour to the surface."

Economics versus environment

While physical testing ruled out fuel contamination from weekend activity on the lake, the presence of high-speed motorized events on Head Lake continues to generate broader discussion about the economic and environmental impact they have on the village.

According to the Haliburton Business Improvement Area (BIA), the event brings mixed results for downtown businesses, with several reporting a general slowdown while others see benefits through sponsorship of the event.

BIA chair Brandon Nimigon said membership polled over the years had generally shown the event to be a "downturn" for shops due to parking limitations, noise, and the tendency for racers and attendees to remain near the lake.

"From the downtown business point of view, it's not generating more revenue; if anything, it's taking it away," he said, speaking on behalf of the broader BIA membership. He added nearby establishments like Hook Line & Sinker frequently report slower weekend traffic.

But business response varies depending on direct involvement with the regatta. Maple Avenue Tap & Grill reported a solid weekend after taking on a formal sponsorship role, Nimigon said of his follow-up with downtown businesses.

Despite individual success among sponsors, the loss of public parking and noise concerns continue to prompt questions among BIA members regarding the event's location.

"What's the benefit to the town if we're losing parking for a weekend... is it worth having it, or is it maybe worth looking at a different lake potentially?" Nimigon asked.

Environmentalists have expressed concern about the impact.

Leora Berman, chief operating officer of The Land Between and founder of Turtle Guardians, said high-speed boating disrupts environments by forcing warm surface water into deeper zones, which accelerates the loss of critical fish habitats. The noise and waves disturb wildlife during breeding seasons, she said, pointing to distress calls heard among resident birds.

"The boat races coincide with loon fledgling... the babies are only about a month old," Berman said. "I've never seen any kind of consideration or mitigation for the impacts to loons, but certainly there's a lot of distress."

Berman also questioned the location.

"Head Lake is just too small a lake to accommodate the waves [and] the mixing of the water," she said. "You need a very large lake to accommodate that."

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County CAO Gary Dyke said council can dictate timelines for the affordability and governance review. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Town hall meetings on affordability and governance

By Lisa Gervais

People can learn more about options for a potential restructuring of the County and its four lower-tier municipalities – as well as provide feedback - during a series of town hall meetings from Aug. 25 to 31.

The gatherings follow the publication of the final report for the County's community-wide affordability and governance structure study, completed by independent, third-party, consultant the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN).

Undertaken to address mounting financial pressures on the County and its lower-tier municipalities, the report provides options for what the County said is "enhanced long-term sustainability and analyzes four potential governance models."

They are: the status quo, amalgamation, and two hybrid models that would see the County take on much more responsibility; one with four townships maintained, and one with two townships maintained (Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills merging and Highlands East and Dysart et al combining forces).

County warden Dave Burton said, "I encourage all residents of Haliburton County to make a point of attending one of the upcoming town hall meetings. This is, ultimately, a discussion about the community's future, and we're hoping as many people as possible will get involved, learn about the options, and provide their input."

The town hall meetings will take place: Aug. 25 at the Haliburton Legion from 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 26 at the Minden Hills Community Centre from 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 27 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce from 6 to 8 p.m., and Aug. 31 at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration is not required. Residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings, regardless of where they live. People can view the report on the agenda for the Aug. 12 meeting of Haliburton County council: https://bit.ly/countycouncilagenda-aug12

Done to date

At the Aug. 12 meeting, council voted 7-1 to receive the report and have County staff work with EORN on a financial and structural analysis of all four governance models. This would be at a cost of up to $100,000. Already, $200,000 has been spent on consulting fees. The further findings will be presented to the 2026-30 council. Coun. Cec Ryall voted against.

He thought council should eliminate model four from further analysis. Addressing what he called "the elephant in the room" he asked, "does Highlands East want to be a subset of Dysart et al? … I think I can categorically say, for most of the people in Highlands East, the answer to that would be no."

Coun. Liz Danielsen felt there needed to be more discussion on the model. "I'm fairly confident in saying that I don't believe the municipality of Algonquin Highlands wants to be lost in the shuffle and become part of the Township of Minden Hills." She said it was about identity.

With regards to the process being rushed, County CAO Gary Dyke said, "the pace of process and the style of process is the decision of the new council." He added examples of services being moved around were ideas, but council would make the decision.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey was conscious of the process not taking too much time as, "it's really difficult on staff when it's spread out over four years…they are going to feel like it's a black cloud hanging over their heads." Dyke thought an amalgamation, for example, could occur in 14-18 months.

Dysart coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts asked how reserves and debt would be handled. Consultant Maureen Adams said ratepayers of each township would be responsible for reserves and debts. Adams said it could mean different tax rates initially, then stabilization.

Dysart mayoral candidate, Greg Bishop, said if they are bold enough to amalgamate; the province would be involved. He suggested council leverage the province for things such as a better OPP funding formula.

Ryall said he will want to see financials on the cost of restructuring.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux agreed they would want to "include short-term pain, followed by longer term-gain. It is going to hurt… taxes are going to go up…gently? fast? now? In the future? Or vice versa?"

Adams said it is not just about taxes, but capacity building. For example, she said a township experiencing flooding could have more resources to call upon, and more services could be brought in-house, versus contracting out.

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Bird takes flight

The Township of Algonquin Highlands announced Tuesday (Aug. 18) it has found a successor for retiring chief administrative officer (CAO), Angie Bird, with John Connolly set to join Sept. 1.

He will arrive in the Highlands following a two-year stint as the top staffer with the Municipality of Marmora and Lake.

Connolly is a career public servant with a background in planning, policy development, strategic planning and management. He served in senior roles with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Environment. He has also held management positions in the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Township of Cavan Monaghan.

"I am excited to join Algonquin Highlands and become part of a community with such a strong history and sense of place," Connolly said. "I look forward to working with council, staff and the community to… move the municipality forward," Connolly said.

Bird's departure has been known since late last year. She joined the Township of Stanhope in 1992 and moved over to the amalgamated Township of Algonquin Highlands in 2001. She's served as CAO since 2010.

She spoke last Thursday (Aug. 13) at the township's monthly council meeting, the final one of her tenure.

"Serving as your CAO for the past 16 years has been the greatest honour of my professional journey," she said. Addressing council, she added, "we have navigated complex challenges, balanced competing priorities, and made difficult choices for the benefit of our community."

Bird said municipal governance has changed dramatically from when she entered the field 34 years ago, "but one thing has remained constant – your unwavering dedication," she told staff. "You are the heartbeat of this community."

According to the Sunshine List, Bird earned $165,701.21 in 2025.

The township did not disclose how much it was paying Connolly, though, per the municipality's new pay grid, approved at last week's meeting, the position begins at $154,318 and, after five years, maxes out at $173,683.

Next dock up

Parks, recreation and trails manager, Chris Card, said his department is preparing to release a questionnaire looking for feedback on how the township should proceed with a replacement of the Crozier Lake boat launch.

Card said the launch, located off Livingstone Lake Road, is the next one up for rehabilitation. The township recently completed an overhaul of the Fletcher Lake landing. He noted the plan was to take that community response and implement it in the design stage next year. Card said he believes the project could be completed next year, too.

Just one of 30 properties on the lake is water access only, so Card said usership would also be considered in the design. He said there's potential for a complete redesign, improving safety for users.

"I want to review the possibility of moving the whole thing (the launch and the parking) to one side of the road, that way people could turn around and get down the boat launch," without potentially impeding traffic on the road, Card said.

The survey will be available through the township's 'Bang the Table' portal.

John Connolly will replace the retiring Angie Bird as Algonquin Highlands CAO on Sept. 1. *Submitted.*

Airport delays

Council has again parked a discussion over replacing the roofs of four hangars at Stanhope Municipal Airport.

The project, which was recommended by staff, carries a total cost of almost $1 million. Each roof is expected to cost approximately $210,000, said public works manager Adam Thorn. Another $500,000 has been earmarked to investigate and address humidity issues within the hangars.

Thorn said the new roofs would carry a 40-50 year lifespan, though council were unconvinced.

Concerns were raised over the long-term return on investment, with mayor Liz Danielsen feeling, due to the time left this term, it was a file better left to the municipality's next council.

"As far as investigating the metrics, lifespan of the building and how that fits into the township's long-term plan," Danielsen said. "The airport, although a large expense, is an opportunity for economic growth… there needs to be a balance in how we approach it."

Consultant Jewell Engineering was retained for $55,000 to assist with tendering and project management at the airport. The consultant will also investigate humidity concerns. *(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker)*

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Slow down on Blairhampton

Blairhampton Road resident, Jennifer Hicks, brought a 69-name petition to council last Thursday (Aug. 13), asking the township to create a 40 km/hr community safety zone for the final kilometre of Blairhampton Road adjacent to Hwy. 35.

Hicks told council, "this section of Blairhampton Road has evolved into a busy residential corridor that is no longer adequately protected by its current road designation. Traffic volumes have increased substantially as more motorists use Blairhampton Road as an alternate route to and from Haliburton.

"In addition to local residents, the roadway experiences significant year-round cottage and recreational traffic, as well as vehicles travelling to the Blairhampton Golf Club and nearby lakes and recreational properties. The combination of residential, recreational, and through traffic has fundamentally changed the character of this roadway."

She added safety concerns include: more than 20 children and youth living along the stretch; people walking to nearby Twelve Mile Lake beach; blind corners, driveways, and sight lines; pets and wildlife; and the fact there are no speed signs posted.

"We believe this designation would significantly improve safety for everyone who lives on, visits, or travels along Blairhampton Road," she said.

Council received her delegation as information, and referred to staff for further study.

Temporary dock fix

The township said on Tuesday (Aug. 18) the municipal dock on Water Street will remain closed to the public until further notice. However, the Peck Street boat launch has been temporarily established to provide residents and visitors - such as those taking part in the Pride in the Highlands float this Sunday (Aug. 23) - with a place to exit the Gull River during the remainder of the 2026 season.

"Floaters can continue past the municipal dock, under the bridge, and the next dock on the left is now open for residents and visitors to use when exiting the water," the township said. The township said it appreciated the public's understanding and co-operation.

The town dock was a topic of hot discussion at council's Aug. 13 meeting.

Businessmen, Dennis Pennie and Jim Ecclestone, asked council to hold off on engineering work for replacement of the Water Street dock, which has been out of commission this summer.

Pennie said Ecclestone had been working on a plan, and he had jumped in to help. He said they were still researching and hoped to make a formal presentation to council in September.

Ecclestone said he had contractors look at the dock and they said it could be fixed for "very little money."

Pennie added a number of service clubs are also talking about riverfront beautification. He said Ecclestone had a mock-up of what a new dock could look like and he would have it at Minden Auto Care if anyone wanted to see it.

A speed radar on the last kilometre of Blairhampton Road, before intersecting with Hwy. 35. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

In a later report, director of finance, Zach Drinkwalter, wanted permission to obtain approval for engineering work for the dock; with $30,000 from the Riverwalk lighting capital budget to help finance the work, since they are getting quotes of $45,000 to $75,000.

"The dock is in need of significant rehabilitation and will require an engineering firm to review, provide a scope of work, and drawings to move forward with construction of the dock," he said.

Councillors were interested in a temporary fix first, getting an engineering assessment later, and then working with the community on a long-term solution.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Here we go, again

By Lisa Gervais

I was cc'd on an email last week that I found disturbing.

A volunteer with Pride in the Highlands had sent out a mass email to folks on the Pride email list. They were seeking helpers for another community event: Minden RotaryFest, which was held this past weekend in downtown Minden.

What a nice thing to do: calling on an already-established volunteer list to help out another community group in the Highlands.

One person who got that email replied, in part, "f*** off with your freak show alphabet community BS." He used the word "faggots" and said he was "definitely not a supporter of your mental illness."

I was quickly cc'd on two responses.

One rightly said it is both sad and alarming to read hate speech directed at a community whose members are simply seeking to live their lives openly, peacefully, and with the same dignity and respect afforded to everyone else.

Regardless of the person's beliefs, he said there is no justification for language that seeks to intimidate, or target people because of their sexual orientation or any other protected ground. He said LGBTQ+ people posed no threat to the writer, or the broader community.

Again, spot on. They are our neighbours, families, business owners, professionals, volunteers, and residents - entitled to live without being subjected to hate, hostility or demeaning rhetoric.

The other person who cc'd me said it's quite horrendous to see how homophobic the community continues to be, and just how egregious their disgusting, discriminatory behaviour continues to be.

It's Pride Week. And although I wish I didn't have to write my annual editorial on why it is still needed, emails like the one from this man make it essential that I do.

Pride volunteer chair Chris Hewson told *The Highlander* he's seen an increase in homophobic-fuelled actions, including a banner in Minden promoting Pride Week twice being cut down in recent weeks.

He told us they see, and experience, more divisive verbiage and behaviour than in the past. He thinks it's because they have become more visible, present and engaged with the community.

Hewson added being out is what Pride is about; being closeted is no place for someone to live, survive or thrive.

Funny, when the anti-vaxxers were running rampant in Haliburton County, hijacking the Canadian flag for their cause, I don't recall anyone reaching out to me to tell me their flags had been interfered with.

People have always had strong differences of opinion. That's okay. That's how a healthy society works. It is okay to disagree. However, it isn't okay to attack someone because they have different beliefs than you do.

We all know there are some great folks in Haliburton County. However, there remains a deep and dark pocket of homophobia. It usually festers quietly away from the public – though thrives behind closed doors. Occasionally – as in the case with this email – it rears its very ugly head for all to see.

Haliburton County, and its residents, need to do far better.

SAWDUST STORIES

Past eliminates doubts

By Darren Lum

Waking up with swollen hands and clenched fingers, I'm reminded of the toll working with your hands can take.

After more than two decades in journalism, I still forget how difficult beginnings can be. Doubt. Anxiety. Fear. Three words that can colour the world around us.

At 49, I can't push as hard as I once did. Working toward my carpentry Red Seal, volunteering with the fire service, and staying active compete for the same energy. Recovery takes longer.

My story doesn't begin with me. It begins with two people in my family who took their first steps toward new lives. Both out of necessity. Both chasing a brighter future.

My life in Canada wasn't possible without my father.

At 19, he emigrated from Macau with $100 and "hello" the extent of his English.

Even his name was borrowed. He arrived using his female cousin's name, Lum Chung Yao, another consequence of the barriers Chinese immigrants faced.

Later, Mrs. Holden, a retired teacher who taught him English, gave him his English name, William. Later, he added his birth name, Wah Wu, to his identification documents and built a life in Canada.

My maternal grandmother, whom I called Popo, took a different path. She was "adopted" at nine by a Christian family in Vancouver in 1908, after surviving the famine and hardship that swept southern China in the early 1900s. She was expected to care for a baby and a toddler, more housekeeper and caregiver than daughter. Her adoption allowed her to leave Toisan for Canada despite the barriers facing Chinese immigrants.

She left Vancouver, where she had been a "servant," for Toronto's Chinatown, where she fell in love.

My father rarely talks about those first years. When asked, it opens a dam of memories and trauma. He worked for a cold-hearted uncle for three years at a restaurant in Ansonville, without attending school or having a day off. He remembers the high school student who wanted to beat him back to China.

But the helpers in his life mattered: two friends who stood with him behind Bloor Collegiate that afternoon, and Mr. Wong, the restaurant owner who gave him two weeks' pay and told him there was more waiting for him than life as a busboy in the kitchen.

My mother is living with the effects of a stroke, and as her memory fades and the woman who raised me disappears, I realize I know more about the famine than my Popo's first name. My grandmother greeted me with a smile, a Coke, and a slice of jelly roll every visit, to my mother's chagrin. My mother carried a different memory of her.

Her apartment reflected everything she had carried forward. It was a time capsule. She saved newspapers, post-war toys, photographs and heirlooms. Among them was a Chinese harp her husband played for opera. I remember seeing it in my mother's room. My mother told me he played it by plucking the strings. I remember the sound as haunting, akin to a loon calling across a lake — a clear sound with a mournful edge. After he died of cancer when my mother was a baby, the harp sat silent for decades before it was thrown.

She couldn't bring the family she left behind in China with her, and she never saw them again. Some things could be kept. Others could only be remembered. She survived a famine, escaped a life of servitude, raised three children, and built a life in a new country.

It's easier to know where we're going when we know where we've been.

When my hands ache, I question whether starting over was the right decision. Then, I think about my father and my grandmother.

My hands always loosen. With them, so do my doubts.

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Amalgamation inevitable

Dear editor,

Re: 'Councillors wade in on governance report' in last week's *Highlander*

My family have been seasonal residents in Highlands East for 25 years, spending the rest of the year in Toronto.

Having experienced amalgamation twice - the amalgamation of Toronto regions under Mike Harris and the amalgamation of Toronto council ridings under Doug Ford - let me wade in with this: amalgamation here is inevitable.

It makes too much sense not to happen. The only choice is whether the nature of amalgamation will be driven by local politicians or by the province.

I urge local politicians to take control, make a decision, and stop kicking it down the road. Whatever you come up with will, I expect, be more acceptable than what the province would mandate.

Bob Collins
Irondale

Lost opportunity

Dear editor,

It is good to see cottagers in town spending their money here.

It is too bad that some locals must complain about inconveniences of driving through town or finding a place to park.

Summer activities bring more people and money into the community, and create an opportunity for young folks to have a part-time job.

It is unfortunate there is a restriction on certain activities. I am an 'old lady' ATVer and ride the rail trail often from here to Lindsay and back. I have a single ATV but I sometimes ride with people on SxS (side-by-side). Now with the restrictions, I ride alone.

I have friends who have ridden from Lindsay/Fenelon Falls to Haliburton. They stop at restaurants to eat. They top up the gas tanks, or walk through town and maybe buy a ball cap or T-shirt.

Some of these SxSs are only inches wider than mine, but now they are not allowed. Are we losing a financial opportunity?

It is a shame that a few people against the sport are stopping an opportunity for others to enjoy some of our off-road joys and losing the opportunity of more money to come into the town.

Liz Jesseman
West Guilford

Podcast differentiates candidates

Dear editor,

Thank you for your in-depth and broad-ranging interviews with all four of the Minden Hills' mayoralty candidates in your podcast *What the Haliburton*. I appreciate that you carefully covered similar material with each of them.

I thank Bob Carter for actually answering the questions with specifics and rationale, which cannot be said about any of the other mayoralty candidates.

If there were any question about what skills and knowledge a mayor needs to bring to the challenge of governing a small community with all the challenges of a big community but a sliver of the resources, Bob Carter gave a good primer.

It is not a role for the dull, the dilettante or the dreamer. (Or the obsessed.)

Bob even (maybe) taught co-host Bram Lebo a thing or two about what is involved in bringing to Haliburton County the kind of housing it needs. It is neither a quick nor easy operation. For reasons, as Bob pointed out, that are frequently far beyond municipal jurisdiction, but nevertheless impact immensely on the process.

Which Bob knows because he has been on the boards of both Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation (social housing) and Habitat for Humanity (home ownership and in conjunction with Places for People, affordable rental) during the time they have brought here, by my count, 33 occupied and 34 pending units (KLH) and over 100 units in various stages of preparation (Habitat).

That the KLH units are in Minden and the Habitat units in Dysart should reassure voters that as the County consolidates its services, which surely it must to some extent.

Fay Martin
Minden Hills

Attack on science

Dear editor,

Recently, 85-year-old Dr. Anthony Fauci performed a role for the American people who needed someone to blame. He was their scapegoat. Six years after we all took the hit from the COVID pandemic, a public health doctor was derided, sneered at, cursed at, mostly for things he had no control over.

As leader of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, he had the job of crystal-balling, in real time, how many needed vaccines to achieve herd immunity, whether the insufficient supply of protective gear should be prioritized for hospitals or for everyone, whether the virus came from a lab leak or the environment, and how long until the pandemic would be over.

As he did throughout his career, Dr. Fauci calmly analyzed data and made recommendations, advocating for health measures that saved many lives. He did not enforce masks or lockdown. That was done by employers and state governors and local mayors following advice from the Centers for Disease Control. He did not close schools, school boards did. He did not mandate vaccines, employers did.

Among many accomplishments in a 50-year career in infectious diseases, this doctor built the global AIDS program that saved 25 million lives. He developed treatments for fatal vasculitic diseases.

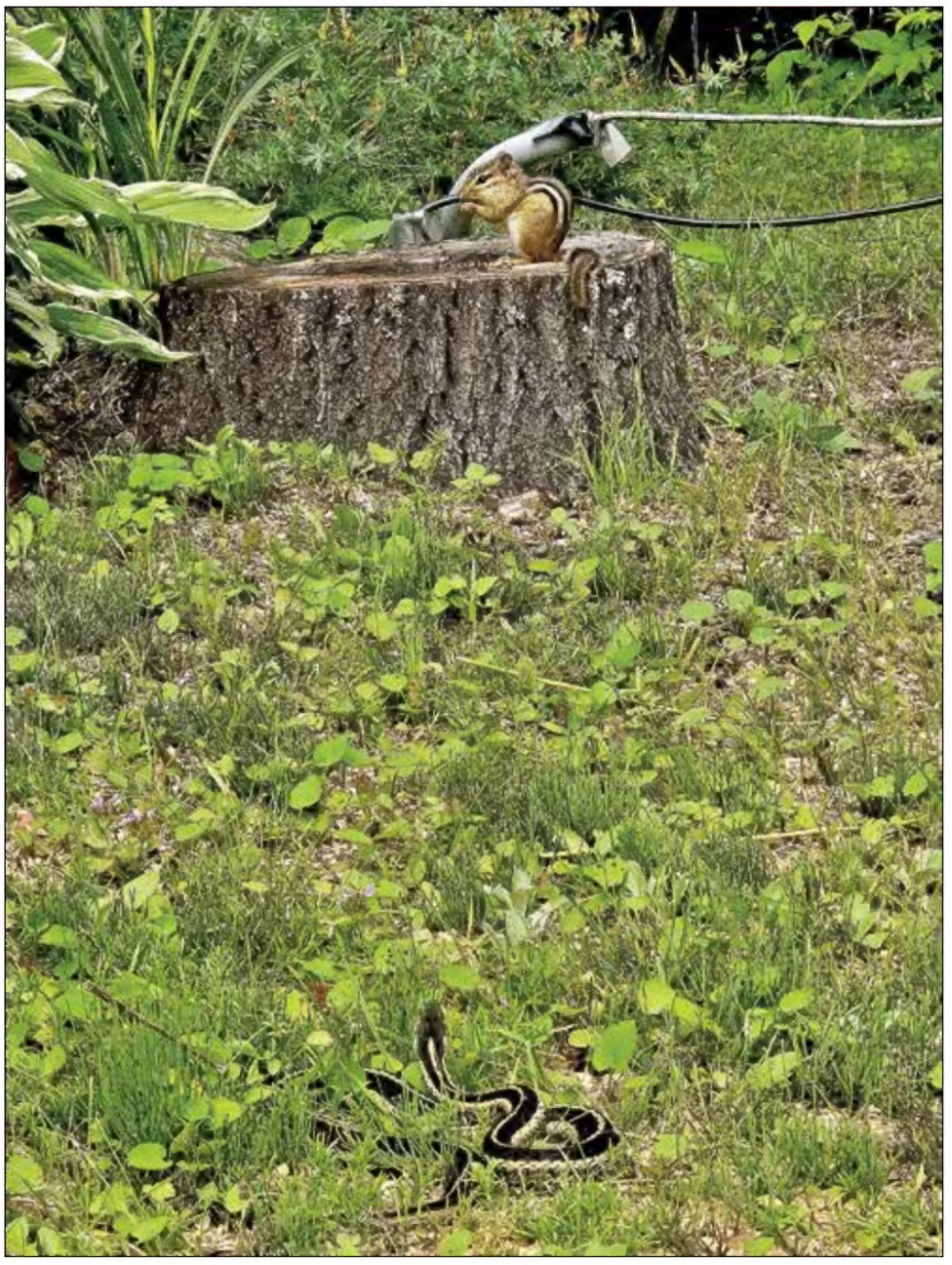
Around the world, health leaders received death threats, hostility and blame for an illness that took from all of us. Over 115,000 health care workers died in the first 17 months of COVID.

Discrediting, humiliating, vilifying and hating. What does this accomplish? It undermines dedicated professionals who show up every day to reduce suffering, save lives, decrease disease.

It makes it harder for patients to trust those they depend on for care. It erodes public faith that the purpose of expert scientific evidence is for everyone's protection.

Nell Thomas
Minden Hills

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ray Kidon captured friends in motion - Charlie the chipmunk and Jake the snake.

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THIS WEEK:

Meet Dysart et al mayoral candidate Andrew Nowell

Highlander arts

ALL ABOUT HI, THE HIGHLANDER'S NEW APP

Why we made it

Three years ago, Meta banned Canadian media companies from Facebook and Instagram. Since then, the quality of information on these platforms has deteriorated. Instead of trustworthy news, there is misinformation, anger, and division. We believe that's bad for Haliburton County.

We created this app to solve that problem: to make a space that is just for our community, without the downsides of social media.

What's on it

You'll find verified, accurate news from our reporters, including breaking news alerts. You will also find information from local not-for-profits, service organizations and municipalities. The feed is in strict chronological order – there's no algorithm to track or manipulate you.

How to get it

The best way is to go to thehighlander.app on your cellphone On your first visit, you'll get a message encouraging you to install the app on your phone. Click this and the app will appear on your home screen so you can easily find it again.

How to use it

You don't need to create an account to use the app. But if you do, there are two benefits. First, you can choose which categories you want to see. Second, you can get notifications on your phone. There's a breaking news category, so anytime there is something urgent and important happening in the county, you can be notified. To create an account, just follow the links on the screen.

Why you can't comment on it

We know you might enjoy commenting on Facebook. But a downside of comments is that misinformation can spread. Without moderation, which is an impossible job for us, the value of the app would be lost. The Highlander's reporters are trained journalists, which means they follow rules so that what they post is as accurate as possible. They are also accountable because they live and work in our community. If they make a mistake, readers tell us – and we fix it. We hope that this approach will create an environment that is useful and pleasant.

How to advertise on Hi

We will be funding the app by offering a limited number of spots to local advertisers who want to reach people in Haliburton County. For more information, contact Aidan (aidan@thehighlander.ca).

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Jim Blake is stepping down as curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Sculpture Forest marks 25 years

By Mike Baker

Reflecting on 25 years of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, longtime curator Jim Blake believes the local attraction has become one of the most popular and recognizable outdoor art exhibits on the continent.

The 15-acre site, nestled within Glebe Park, draws approximately 40,000 visitors a year. It launched in 2001 with three commissioned pieces of art designed by Canadian artists and now houses 40 sculptures and six one-of-a-kind memorial benches along its trails.

Blake said there will be two new installations this summer, with both expected to be in place before the weeklong 'Sculpture Forest Alive 25' celebration that runs Aug. 24-30.

Things kick off Monday (Aug. 24) with a Q&A and workshop with artists Scott Walling and Rose Pearson at Art Hut 3 from 4-6 p.m.; Tuesday (Aug. 25) there's a free guided tour of the forest from 10 a.m. to noon; while Wednesday (Aug. 26) will see the launch of a new musical exhibit by Nicholas Russell from 7-8 p.m.

"That was all inspired by the sculpture 'Atmopshere', which is a stone dome. Russel used sounds around the sculpture and in the sculpture, while composing music featuring violin, viola and some lyrics," Blake said. "If people go inside the sculpture and sit down, the sound will be really great."

There will be an Oddysey-themed tour, featuring Greek myths and more, next Thursday (Aug. 27) from 10-11:30 a.m. On Friday (Aug. 28), Lynda Shadbolt and Myra Stephen will lead a quiet walk, stopping at various sculptures to practice Qigong.

The weekend will be busy, with Saturday (Aug. 29) featuring the induction of five new sculptures installed since 2024, from 2-4 p.m., and refreshments at HSAD from 4-5 p.m.

Sunday (Aug. 30) will see the debut of Sculpture Forest ALIVE – an immersive sensory and performing arts journey through the sculpture forest. There are two shows scheduled, from 11 a.m. to noon and 2-3 p.m. It will feature singer-songwriter Shannon Kingsbury, dancer Mairead Filgate and other artists Russell, Walling, Bethany Houghton, Andrea Lithgow, Wendy Lingard and Brad Brown.

The history

It was 1999 when the late Al MacPherson, a former HSAD instructor, visited Grizedale Forest in the Lake District in England. It contained a small sculpture forest that he couldn't wait to tell people in Haliburton about.

Blake and fellow sculpture forest founder, Barb Bolin, were among the first to hear about it. It took two years to formalize – the team had to figure out where the forest would be located, and how to fill it without any base funding. It was tough going at first, Blake admitted.

Now, the forest operates like a well-oiled machine, the curator said. It raises $25,000-30,000 every year to cover insurance and maintenance costs and hire a summer student.

Bolin said the forest puts Haliburton County on the map. She met a family from Texas while walking the trails this summer, who told her they visit sculpture forests all over the world.

"They said ours ranks right up there with the best ones," Bolin said. "You don't know when you start something like this whether it's going to work, if people will get behind it. But this has been a tremendous success story."

Now 72, Blake is preparing to retire as curator. Recruitment for the volunteer role is already underway, with an announcement expected later this fall.

"If you want to have something sustainable, you need to have succession plans in place and let younger people have opportunities to take over," Blake said. "This is an incredible chance for someone to come in and put their own stamp on the place."

For more information, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca or search for it on the Bloomberg Connects app.

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Winner winner

Greg Bishop was the winner of this year's Haliburton Rotary Car Draw. A faithful ticket-buyer his whole life, Bishop's name was pulled at the Aug. 4 Rotaryfest event, which took place at Head Lake Park. It was a strange feeling for Bishop whose father, the late Curry Bishop, still holds the personal record for most car draw tickets sold during his 56 years of membership in the club. He was known for selling more than 1,000 tickets himself every year. Given the choice between a 2026 Chevrolet Trailblazer or $40,000 cash, Bishop opted for the cash. *(Mike Baker)*

Greg Bishop, centre, collected his winnings at Curry Motors in Haliburton Aug. 12 after having his name pulled in Haliburton Rotary's 2026 car draw. Also pictured are Haliburton Rotarians Heather Phillips, Steve Roberts and Gerry McDonald (far right) and Curry Motors general manager Bob Bullock. *Photo submitted.*

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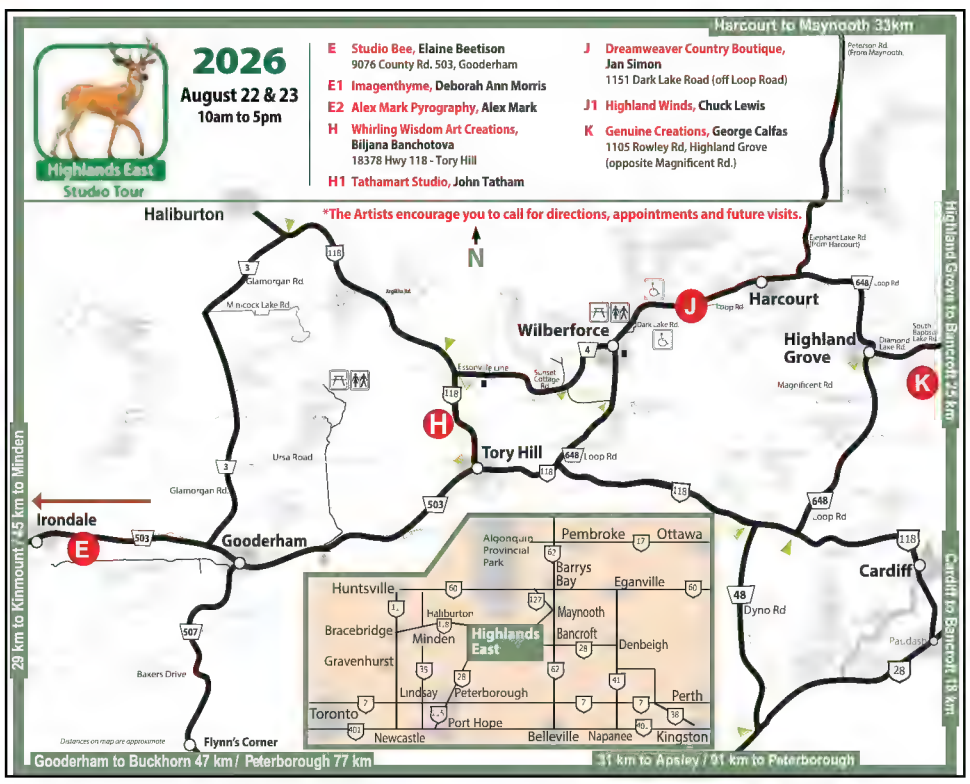

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Radiothon raises $183,000 for health care

By Mike Baker

While there was no premier equipment upgrade or program enhancement to centre the 2026 Radiothon fundraising campaign around, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) lead, Kathryn Quick, said last week's event was still a major success bringing in $183,000 and counting.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Radiothon is one of the foundation's cornerstone summertime fundraisers. It's now brought in more than $1.5 million and has helped facilitate the purchase of a new CT scanner and mammography machine at the Haliburton hospital in recent years.

Running last Thursday and Friday (Aug. 13-14), Quick said volunteers were stationed at MooseFM to answer calls and also out in the community at Tim Hortons locations, Todd's Independent, Haliburton Foodland and Dollo's Foodland in Minden to accept in-person donations.

As of Tuesday evening (Aug 19), HHHSF had collected $83,794 – which is to be matched by The WB Family Foundation.

"I think this was a year of educating and engaging. We made inroads with a lot of people in the community to help them understand what local-level health care is about," Quick said. "We didn't have a big, sexy piece of equipment that people could visualize this year. It's more raising money for general hospital and community needs."

One of the biggest benefactors will be

Retired Toronto firefighter Steve Yurkiw collects donations. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

HHHS' community supports services programs, like Meals on Wheels and patient transportation. Quick said the money will also support seemingly mundane, yet needed and expensive, purchases.

"We've got a capital list to work with – if they tell us they need a bathtub for long-term care and that tub is $20,000, now we have the money to be able to pay for that," Quick said. "Things like ER stretchers, those are $5,000 and have a lifespan – they break and deteriorate and then you have to replace them. It's never one and done."

Asked if there were any memorable moments this year, Quick said it was nice to welcome Klara Oyler, Dale Walker, Rick Lowes and Brian Daoust - the organizing team from the very first Radiothon in 2006 - into the studio last Thursday (Aug. 13).

She was also touched by the story shared by longtime HHHSF volunteers John and Judy Skinner, who were one of several interviewees over the two days. They told how, when dropping off meals with an older local couple, Judy discovered they were low on wood, which they used to heat their home. Later that day, volunteers from the Haliburton County Heat Bank stopped by with a load that saw the couple through winter.

"The message there is that this is not just about health care – HHHS' services touch all community resources, it's the food banks, SIRCH, clothing resources, the heat bank. Knitting everything together is what makes this community special," Quick said.

Federal and provincial governments do not provide regular funding for equipment upgrades, forcing the community to fundraise itself. She said it's a vital effort.

"The hospital is not a service you think about every day, until the day you need them or someone you loves needs them," Quick said. "For a community of 21,000 to do this over and over again, is phenomenal."

Provincial investment

Earlier this month, MPP Laurie Scott announced the Ontario government was investing an additional $866,400 to support improved operations and reduced wait times at the Haliburton hospital.

In an Aug. 5 press release, Scott said the funding is part of an $11 billion investment into Ontario hospitals in the 2026 budget. It represents a four per cent increase in support for HHHS. The local organization received a further $58,880 to complete upgrades and repairs in Haliburton and Minden.

"We are grateful for this investment… into our local health system. This funding will ensure we continue to deliver high-quality care to our communities while improving our infrastructure, all while delivering on our goal of being a model of excellence in rural health care," said HHHS president and CEO, Jack Hutchison.

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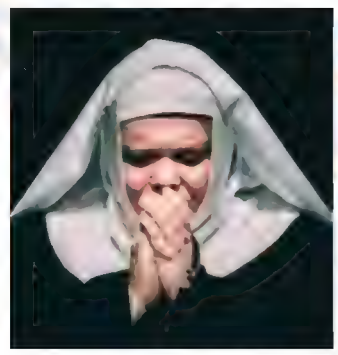

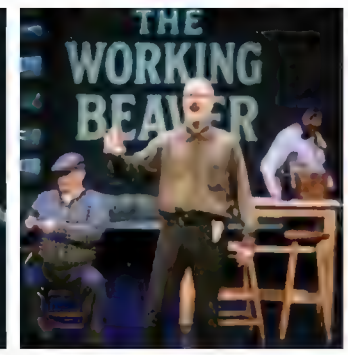

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Where did that 20 years go?

Highlands Opera Studio celebrated its 20th anniversary with a concert from several alumni at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Sunday (Aug. 16). Founders, Valerie Kuinka and Richard Margison, said it was a year of celebration and reflection. "A time to welcome back old friends, acknowledge and thank so many in our Haliburton community for their years of dedication, and to renew our commitment to supporting Canadian culture, creativity, and the art form of opera for today and tomorrow." Kuinka thanked donors, and Haliburton County volunteers. Up next: *Suor Angelica and Staged Scenes,* Aug. 22, 2 p.m. at the NLPAP. Then, *Don Pasquale – Donizetti*, Aug. 27, 29, 30 and 31. Find out more at HighlandsOperaStudio.com

Above: Kurt Browning hosted the Highlands Opera Studio 20th anniversary concert. Top right: Countertenor Nils Wanderer with a selection from *Rinaldo.* Bottom right: Soprano Lauren Margison from *La Wally. Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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Notice of a Public Meeting
Concerning a Township Initiated Official Plan Amendment related to Delegated Authority (Township of Minden Hills)

Take Notice that pursuant to Sections 17 and 21 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting for a Township initiated Official Plan Amendment, related to delegated authority pursuant to Sections 39.2(1) and 39.2(2) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990,* as amended. The Official Plan Amendment applies to all lands within the Township of Minden Hills. On this basis, no location map has been provided with this Notice.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of this amendment is to establish policies to allow the approval of minor Zoning By-law Amendments, specifically the removal of a holding (H) provision, approval of temporary uses, correcting errors or omissions, amendments as a condition of consent, and other amendments deemed to be technical in nature, to be delegated to an employee, specifically the Manager of Planning Services and Chief Administrative Officer or their designates. The amendment will also introduce alternate measures for public notice associated with delegated matters. The effect of the amendment will be to streamline the approval of minor zoning by-law amendments to improve processing timelines and efficiency.

And Take Notice that the Public Meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide comments or feedback, and for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendment.

Date and Location of Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: This will be a hybrid meeting. Details are provided below.

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting virtually can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link available on YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofmindenhills4716

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

To Participate in Person: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment or speak at the Public Meeting must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday, September 9th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the Township Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate via Zoom on the Web or by Telephone please email admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday, September 9th before 4:00 PM to obtain login information. If attending virtually, please log-on 30 minutes before the meeting.

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process by visiting the Township website at: https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition of the amendment can be submitted by any member of the public. Written submissions must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to adougherty@mindenhills.ca

Additional Information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment and will be available online by visiting the Current Development Applications:
https://www.mindenhills.ca/building-planning/planning-and-development/current-development-applications/.

For more information about this matter, contact the undersigned at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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Dated this 19th day of August 2026
Amanda Dougherty, Manager of Planning
Township of Minden Hills
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Zoom-zoom

The Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) hosted its 11th annual regatta at Haliburton's Head Lake last weekend (Aug. 15-16), where dozens of racers competed on the lake during the two-day event. Locals and visitors gathered along the shoreline to watch the high-speed boats race across the lake under sunny skies for most of the weekend. The TORC invited the community to purchase raffle tickets and to make a donation in support of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, where they raised $6,000.

Top: Haliburton brothers Aidan and Tristan Coroghly are pictured with their powerboats on race day. Middle: Haliburton's Andrea Hammond is all smiles ahead of the start of the competition. Bottom: A powerboat-racer catches some air during Saturday's race.
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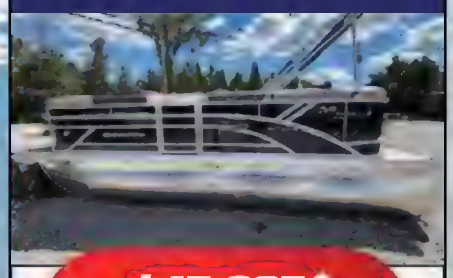

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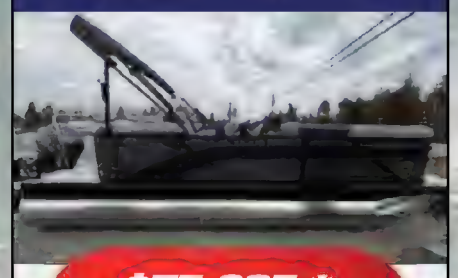

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Filling a hole in the forest

By Simon Payn

When a homeowner was forced to remove dead and dying trees, he left a patch of earth. A scar. He wanted it filled, but with what?

This is when it pays to see the direction nature is going in.

In the forest, these patches open up in the woods all the time. A storm fells a giant beech and suddenly opportunity beckons. Plants whose seeds have sat quietly in the soil for years find the light that's now hitting the ground gives them a chance to grow. And so the process of succession begins – a tag-team of plants that get bigger and woodier until the trees are back. Eventually.

The key is to read that opportunity and steer it in a way that fits nature's direction and still looks good.

Shrubs

First I chose some shrubs – understorey plants that will give structure to the space: pagoda dogwood, hazel, the native and versatile northern bush honeysuckle.

In nature, these would pop up where seeds had landed, where the mixture of light and moisture was just right so the seed was able to germinate.

> Imposing our will on nature results in struggle at best, disaster at worst.

When I design, I think of what would look good as well as the conditions the shrubs will grow in. So as I stood at the bottom of the slope, I mapped a path, a "desire line" the eye would go in as it scanned and made sense of the space.

At the centre of the view I stipulated a pagoda dogwood grown in the form of a tree – this is what the eye would rest on. Then leading up to this, an eye-path of hazels that frame the left and right-hand sides of the path as the eye travels. Then, patterned around the site and giving the eye somewhere to rest were the lower-growing honeysuckles.

Perennials

Next, the perennials – the texture and the flowers. A mostly shaded site makes it hard for summer blooms – the kind of plants that grow there make the most of the time before the trees leaf out, putting out small, delicate flowers in spring, or the fall. That's why it would be a mistake to plant summer-flowering plants because we want summer flowers. The poor things will struggle.

So I choose plants that suit the conditions but arrange them in patterns that please the eye. A drift of asters here for a blue-ish fall, a patch of early meadowrue there for the spring, patches of wild columbine for its red flowers the hummingbirds love.

Groundcovers

Finally, the critical groundcover – the thing that will stop the land doing whatever it wants.

In this shaded site, sedges and violets did the work. Two species of sedges, similar to grasses, slowly spread over time, knitting together into a fine-textured, patterned mass. Violets spread, too, and their fat leaves and delicate flowers provide a contrast to the grassy sedges.

When humans and nature work together, everyone wins. I read what the land wants and choose plants that serve the direction the land is going. But I also listen to what the client wants: an environment that shows intention and enhances their cottage.

It's a way for everyone to get what they want without harming the other. Imposing our will on nature results in struggle at best, disaster at worst. But letting nature just do its thing isn't necessarily what we want close to home.

What will this site look like in five years? A scar will be replaced by a carpet of sedges, patches of juicy violets, drifts of airy columbine and strong, proud hazels and dogwoods.

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Minden RotaryFest in the books

The expanded two-day Minden RotaryFest 2026 took place on Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 15-16), in Minden village. The newly-formatted community celebration featured live music, family activities, local vendors, and a "junk in the truck" trunk sale spot among other activities. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: The Minden Hills Fire Department does an accident rescue demonstration. Middle: Bill Kulas and son, Nick, at the car show. Bottom: Eric Casper, of North of Seven, performs. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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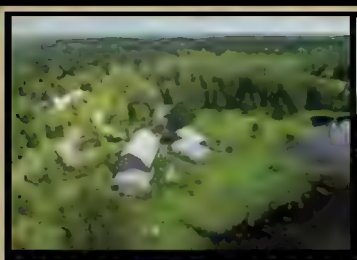
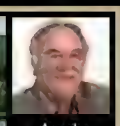
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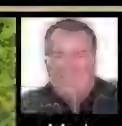
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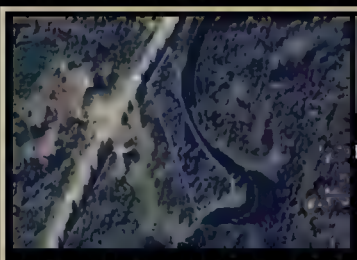
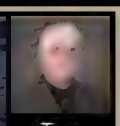
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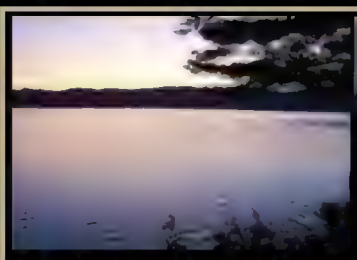
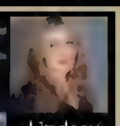
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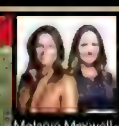
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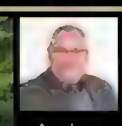
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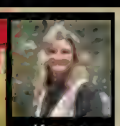
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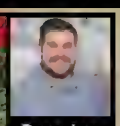
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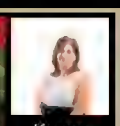
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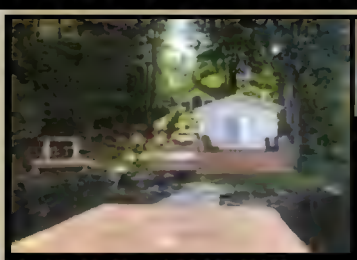

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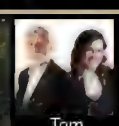
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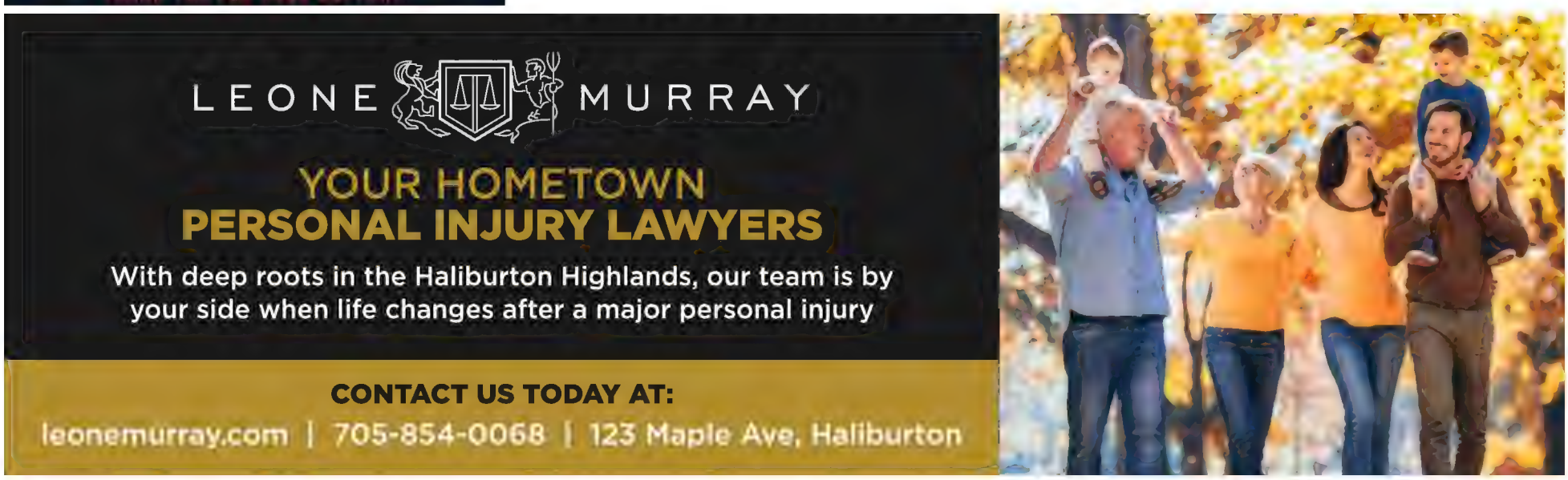
Hitting the links for a good cause

Help A Village Effort (HAVE) hosted its sixth annual Ron Reid Memorial Golf Tournament Aug. 13 at the Gull River Golf Club in Minden. The County-based charity raises money to help build wells and sanitation blocks in India. In addition to playing nine holes, there were competitions, raffles and prizes, along with a lunch catered by Mulligans. About $25,000 was raised. *(Submitted)*

Top: Barb Millington and Winn Taylor get ready to hit the links. Bottom: The winning mens' team (Dave Taylor, Tom Taylor, Jason Chambers, Tim Chambers) hold their trophy.*Submitted.*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Pride Week in full swing

Pride in the Highlands kicked off Pride Week in Haliburton County Monday (Aug. 17) with flag raisings in Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al. Already this week, there's been drag story time at the Minden Hills library, a Ctrl-ART-del performance at Highland Hills United Church, a youth pride picnic at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, and the artists reception and opening party of the Voices of Pride art exhibition. For the remainder of this week's events, go to prideinthehighlands.ca

Top: Chris Hewson speaks at the Pride flag-raising in Minden Monday (Aug. 17).Bottom: Harry Brian Lewis sings *A Place Where I Belong*, a song he composed. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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The show must go on

Branded as the "biggest little fair around", the 43rd annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair was largely rained out Aug. 7-8, pushing people indoors to the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena. There were lots of new things this year, said Barb Schofield, including more food vendors, mechanical bull riding, mask decorating and 'birds of prey' demonstrations by Royal Canadian Falconry. Breakfast on Saturday morning was so well-attended that volunteers ran out of food by 10:30 a.m., Schofield said. Nancy Duff, another volunteer, said the weather held off on Friday (Aug. 6) for the traditional parade, led by new fair ambassador Aiden Smith. *(Mike Baker)*

Left: Sienna and Rua Pavic show off their colourful decorated masks. Right: Aiden Smith was named Wilberforce Fair ambassador for 2026-27 and was presented with a bursary from fair president and volunteer chair, Ken Green. *Photos submitted.*

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- September 10 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 24 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

WHEN IS AN ENTRANCE PERMIT REQUIRED?

If you alter an existing driveway, in any way, by paving it or widening it as an example, you must apply for an entrance permit. Visit our Roads and Sidewalks page on our website for more information.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- *As the Shoreline Disappears* by glass artist Brad Copping, will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until September 19. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission by donation.
- The 3rd annual *Voice of Pride* exhibit, in partnership with Pride in the Highlands and Walling Studios will be on display until August 29. Join us for the Artist Reception on August 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All are welcome.
- Join local author Fay Martin, Registered Expressive Arts Practitioner Fay Wilkinson, and artist Brad Copping for a discussion on living with and caring for loved ones with Dementia. This panel discussion will take place on Thursday, August 20 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join the discussion or just listen. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.
- *Miijim: Traditional Foods of the Anishinaabeg*, on loan from MUSE: Lake of the Woods Museum in Kenora will be on display at the Cultural Centre until August 29.
- The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm for tours and self-guided activities! Stop by for drop-in activities for children each day from 11 am – 12 pm. This week: Tues – learn cursive writing, Wed – animal skull detective, Thurs – early settler baking, Fri – ice cream making, Sat – Victorian wallpaper making. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Registration is open for fall senior and adult fitness programs, as well as youth evening programs. Registration takes place online at www.mindenhills.ca/recreation or in person at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Youth programs include floor hockey, basketball, krafty kids and a new 'kids in the kitchen' program.

NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE

Nominations for the upcoming election are open until Friday, August 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Nominations will not be accepted after this time. For more information about nominations, please visit www.mindenhills.ca/elections.

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What's on

Chuck Lewis will be back as a showcasing artist at the 24th annual Highlands East Studio Tour this weekend. *File.*

Highlands East touts 'friendly' art tour

By Mike Baker

For the past 24 years, artists in Highlands East have been forging their own path when it comes to opening their studios and inviting the public for a peek behind the proverbial creative curtain.

The Highlands East Studio Tour returns this weekend (Aug. 22-23). There will be eight artists stationed at four studios in Irondale, Tory Hill, Highland Grove and Wilberforce from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with creators showcasing their methods and techniques via live demonstrations. Art will also be available for purchase.

"We pride ourselves on being the 'friendly tour'," said chair, Jan Simon. "There's no high-pressure from the artists pushing you to buy our works. We're usually in our own unique settings and it's more personal – we can talk about how we do what we do and then actually put it into practice. It's great for learning."

Simon said talks about starting a Highlands East-specific tour began in summer 2002. It was sparked by Evelyn Saxby, a fabric artisan, who had tried for years to join one of Haliburton County's existing tours. When she was turned down, she reached out to her friend, Elva Bates, to help launch a new one.

Other prominent local artists, Jack Linkert and Sabina Lohrbach, also joined the effort. After months of planning, the inaugural tour ran in August 2003.

"It was daunting going out on our own, but there are so many talented artists in Highlands East who felt like they were always being shunned by the other tours," Simon said. "Now, we have this great event we get to call our own."

The longest-tenured artist on the tour, Simon will be at Studio J, which is her Dreamweaver Country Boutique location, located at 1151 Dark Lake Rd. in Wilberforce. A mixed media artist, Simon specializes in making clothing for children and infants.

Joining Simon at Studio J is Chuck Lewis, a self-taught artist with 40 years of experience in sepia drawings and oil paintings.

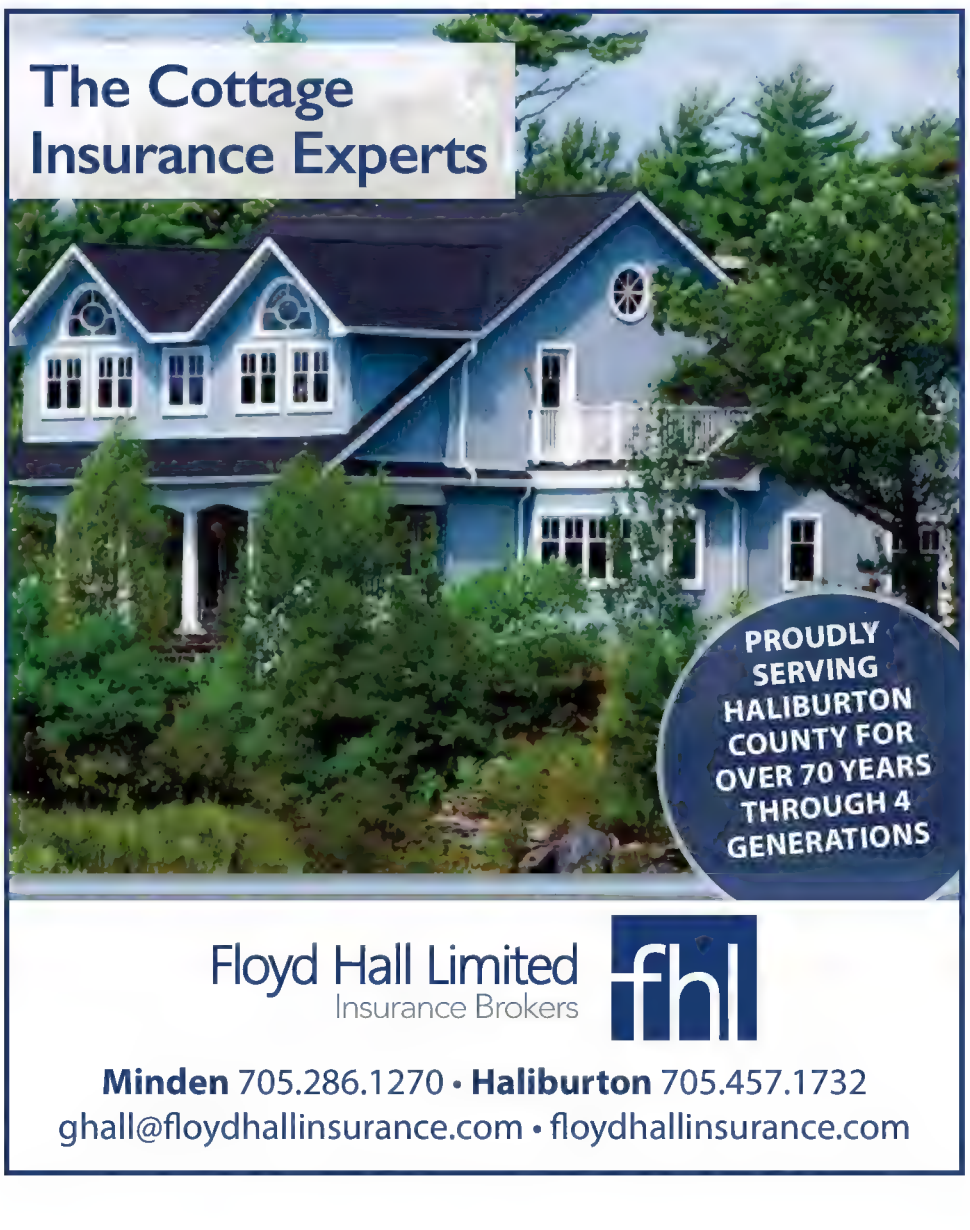
There will be three artists at Studio E outside Irondale (9076 County Rd. 503). Elaine Beetison will offer mobile and in-studio beginner to advanced art classes and flower arranging workshops for adults and children; Deborah Ann Morris will encourage people to "embrace the artist within" by choosing from earth paint, clay and found/natural materials to create their own piece of art; and Alex Mark will show off his pyrography, which is all about burning images into wood.

Multi-disciplinary artist Biljana Banchotova will be at Studio H (18378 Hwy. 118 in Tory Hill) alongside John Tatham, who specializes in portraits and caricatures of pets and people.

The final stop, Studio K (1105 Rowley Rd. in Highland Grove), will bring people face-to-face with George Calfas, who recently retired from his contracting career to open his "dream shop" selling artisanal end grain cutting boards, charcuterie boards, lazy Susans and more.

"It's a great spread of mediums. Some tours are too heavy into featuring just painters, so everybody is vying for the same attention. We try to arrange things so that the artists complement each other," Simon said.

For more information, visit highlandseastartour.com.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Creative connections

About 50 people had an opportunity last Friday (Aug. 14) to learn about various arts processes during an event offered by Aging Together as Community (ATAC) and The Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands. The Creative Connections interactive arts workshop was at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Featured artists were Chris Lynd and painters Harvey Walker and Kathy Marlene Bailey, stage performer Ella Leis, and illustrator, leather worker and muralist Noelia Marziali. There are two more events to come this funding cycle – one planned for Haliburton in October and another in Minden in March. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: Painter Harvey Walker walks participants through the process. Bottom: Attendees during Artist Trading Cards with Chris Lynd. *Submitted.*

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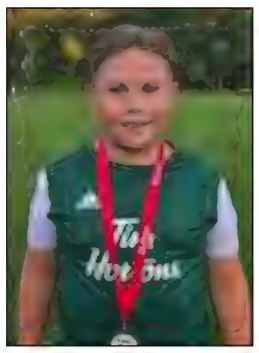

Isaiah Young
11-13 Green

Ruby Walt
7-9 Teal Tigers

April Maroney
4-6 White

Parker Madill
10-11 Black

Simon Lee
11-12 Light Blue

Aleena Muneer
& Trinity Bell
7-9 Solar Yellow

Blair Da Lanca
4-6 Yellow

Teams shake hands after another hard-fought match. *Submitted.*

A confident drive to capture that next victory

It was another stellar week of action out at the Hal High fields. With the summer air turning cooler and the sun dipping lower each evening, the playing conditions have become ideal for high-energy, competitive matches.

Player development is surging forward at a remarkable pace, with the kids eagerly stepping up to meet every new drill and tactical challenge their coaches throw their way. Parents watching from the sidelines are constantly marveling at how fast the action on the pitch has become from one week to the next; punctuated by crisp passing, powerful shots on goal, and amazing saves.

Any early-season hesitation or self-doubt has officially evaporated, replaced by a confident drive to capture that next victory. *(Submitted)*

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What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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Mondays: Closed
Tuesdays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon. Bar 5-9 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
Wednesdays: Office and clubroom closed
Thursdays: Office open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bar closed. General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events.
Sept. 6, 1 p.m. Motorcycle Pete's community generator fundraiser. $10 at the door.
Clubroom hours: Monday closed; Tuesday 5-9 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

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Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Friday** with full menu and daily special including liver lovers' **Tuesday**.
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Weekly activities:
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Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 10 a.m. to noon, Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Monday: open 7 to 10 p.m. Darts Aug. 24 and 31 at 7 p.m.; Mexican train dominos at 7 p.m.
Tuesday: closed, special events only.
Wednesday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Darts Aug. 26 at 2 p.m.; Ladies auxiliary quick supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes Aug. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m.; HHHS social recreation Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.; Painting class with Luann Aug. 20.
Friday: open 2 to 11 p.m. Wings and jam session Aug. 28 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Fish and chips Aug. 21; Seniors lunch Aug. 28 from noon to 1 p.m.
Saturday: open 2 to 9 p.m. Meat draw Aug. 22 and 29 at 3 p.m.; karaoke Aug. 22 at 8 p.m.; Dorothy Knight Golf Tournament Aug. 29 at Lakeside Golf Course.
Sunday: closed, special events only.

Branch 566 Cardiff

Hours: Sunday and Monday 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday** 3 to 9 p.m.
Events: Breakfast on the first **Sunday** of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; euchre on the second **Sunday** of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Shuffleboard every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m.
Music and jam session ever second **Saturday** of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Branch 441 Kinmount

Mondays: Bid euchre at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Closed
Wednesdays: Mixed darts at 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Closed
Fridays: Clubroom opens at 4 p.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with play beginning at 6:45 p.m. Supper specials starting at 5 p.m.
Saturdays: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.

EVENTS

Aug. 20, 3-4 p.m. Pride in the Highlands is hosting Drag Storytime at the Haliburton library. Featuring special guest Auntie Plum. A free, family-oriented literary program for children and their families. No registration required. All ages welcome.

Aug. 20, 8-8:45 p.m. Have you ever heard the magical sound of wolves howling in unison? The Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre welcomes the public to a wolf howl event, featuring a short presentation about wolves. Staff will guide the group on a short walk into the twilight to howl and attempt to initiate a response. No registration required. Donations accepted. Report to the seminar building at base camp at 1095 Redkenn Rd.

Aug. 21, 7 p.m. Rainbow trivia night at The Dominion Hotel in Minden. Test your knowledge of everything queer in history, sports, culture and more. Prizes for the top three teams.

Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highland Grove Historical Society is hosting its Heritage Day event at the Highland Grove Community Centre (5373 Loop Rd.). There will be a yard and book sale, visits to the Kidd Schoolhouse Museum, BBQ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and live music from noon to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Aug. 22, 1-4 p.m. Old times afternoon tea at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum (2314 Loop Rd.) Enjoy old fashioned tea and sweets. Bring a friend and make new ones in a special place.

Aug. 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Highlands Opera Studio is hosting staged scenes from the greatest operas of all time at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Form passionate declarations of love to political intrigue to hilarious cases of mistaken identity. Tickets available online at www.highlandsoperastudio.com.

Aug. 23, 11 a.m to 3 p.m. Rainbow street festival in downtown Minden, hosted by Pride in the Highlands. Enjoy the always-popular river run down the Gull River, shop at more than 30 vendors and enjoy live music and programming from NorthFIRE Circus and Gayly Forward. All are welcome.

Aug. 25, 10 a.m. Free guided tour of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot at 297 College Dr. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held every Tuesday through August rain or shine and can take up to two hours. By donation.

Aug. 26, noon to 2 p.m. Haliburton Lions Stories in the Park fun fair at Head Lake Park. Featuring music by Gord Kidd, childrens' games, painting area and a book reading by children's author Carolyn Huizinga Mills. All children will receive a free book.

Aug. 26, 3-4:30 p.m. Tourism stakeholder group social at Minden River Cone. Get ready to enjoy a scoop and share your summer updates with our tourism businesses. Drop in anytime. Complimentary cones will be provided.

Aug. 26, 5-6 p.m. Turtle Guardians is hosting a snapper handler workshop at its downtown Haliburton location (235 Highland St., lower). Learn all about how to hold and carry turtles and how to interpret their behaviour. Book ahead or drop in.

Aug. 27, 1 p.m. The Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is holding an afternoon screening of *Toy Story 5* in the Welch Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

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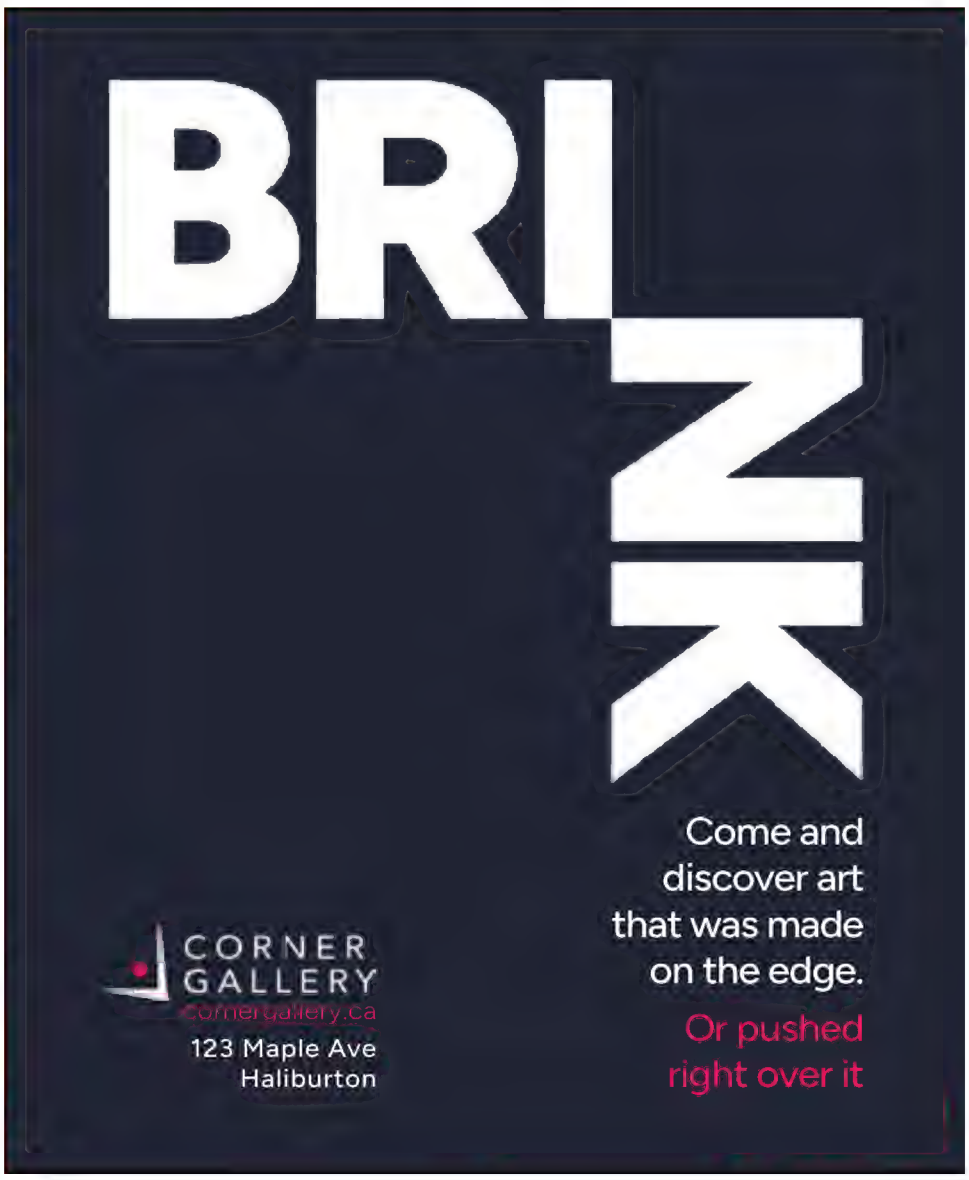

Highlander classifieds

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The Municipality of Highlands East is currently seeking candidates for the vacant position of:

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Administration/Planning Department
Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
$32.33/hr

Hours of Work: 35 hours/week, Monday to Friday. Overtime may occasionally be required.

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

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Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
$30.05/hour

Hours of Operation: 40 Hours per week, Monday – Friday. Overtime required some evenings and weekends subject to weather events.

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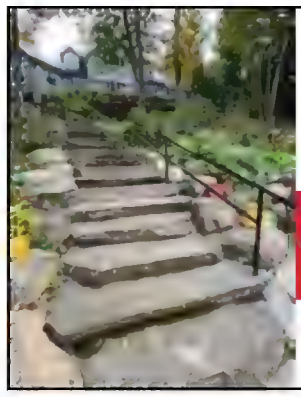
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Looking for a chance to talk about the future of Minden Hills?

Drop by my Campaign Open House! This is a casual, family-friendly event. Stop in to share your ideas, voice your concerns, or just say hello. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

WHERE: Minden and District Lions Club (166 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, ON)
WHEN: Sunday, August 23, 2026
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.
I look forward to meeting you!

Want to get in touch with me:
Email: tammy.mckelvey@bell.net
Phone: 705-286-1854

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HELP WANTED

The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a Grants & Procurements Coordinator (15-month contract)

The County of Haliburton is currently accepting applications for a Grants & Procurements Coordinator. This new, vacant position is currently offered as a fixed term 15-month contract.

Reporting to the Deputy Treasurer, this position secures external funding opportunities and ensures compliant and transparent procurement processes. This dual-function role prioritizes responsibilities associated with identifying, securing, and administering grants The successful candidate will have post-secondary education and 4-5 years of experience in a relevant field.

This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended health benefits. The hourly wage range is $36.32 - $42.49.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a more detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than **Friday August 21, 2026, at 12:00pm**.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.
In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires Two (2) Truck Driver/Equipment Operators

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators are responsible for the safe operation of heavy equipment such as a trucks, backhoes, loaders, and wing plows. This position is responsible for maintaining roads, ditching, excavating culverts, and brushing.

Successful applicants will possess an DZ/AZ licence and have experience operating heavy equipment. These positions require an ability to work on-call hours and respond to short notice call ins, as well as good judgment and communication skills. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is $30.19. This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended health benefits.

Visit our Careers page at www.haliburtoncounty.ca for a more detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than **August 24, 2026, at 12:00pm**.

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For full job description and how to apply:

www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

Deadline for application August 31, 2026

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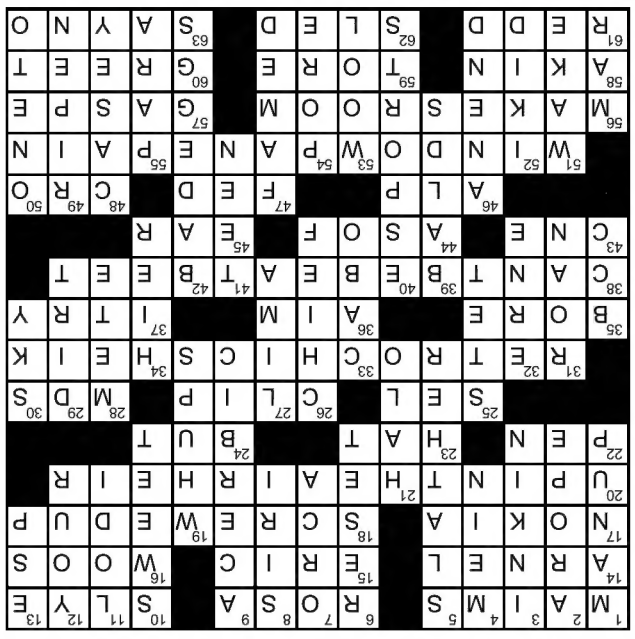

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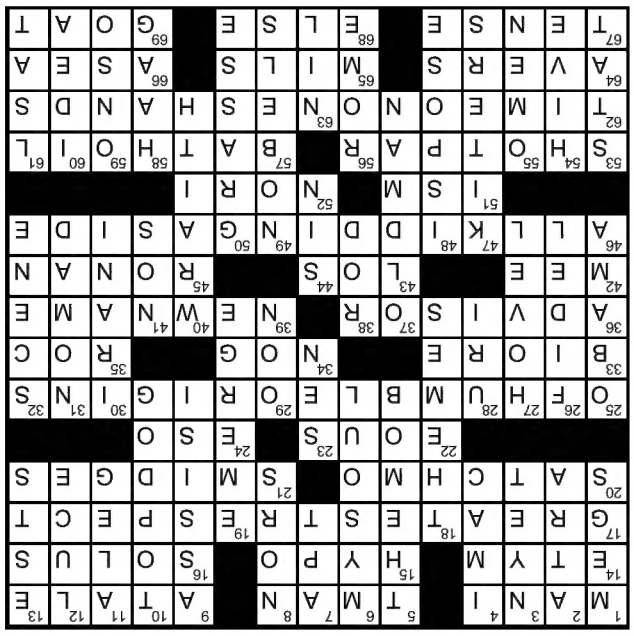

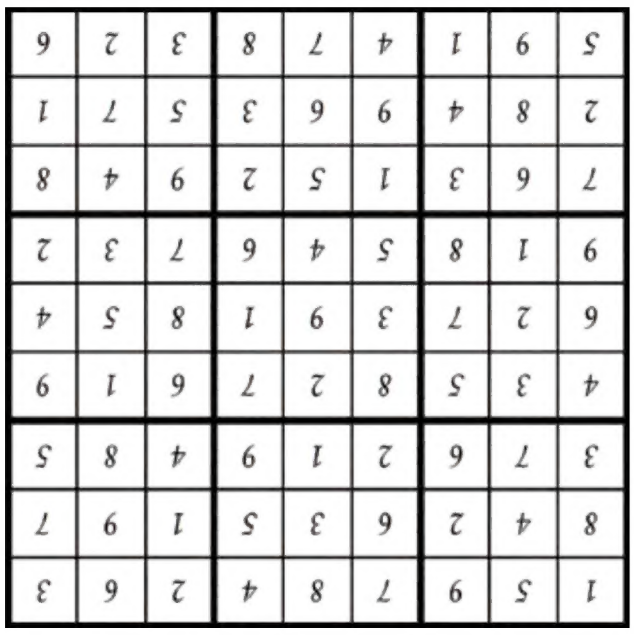

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For the Record

by Barbara Olson
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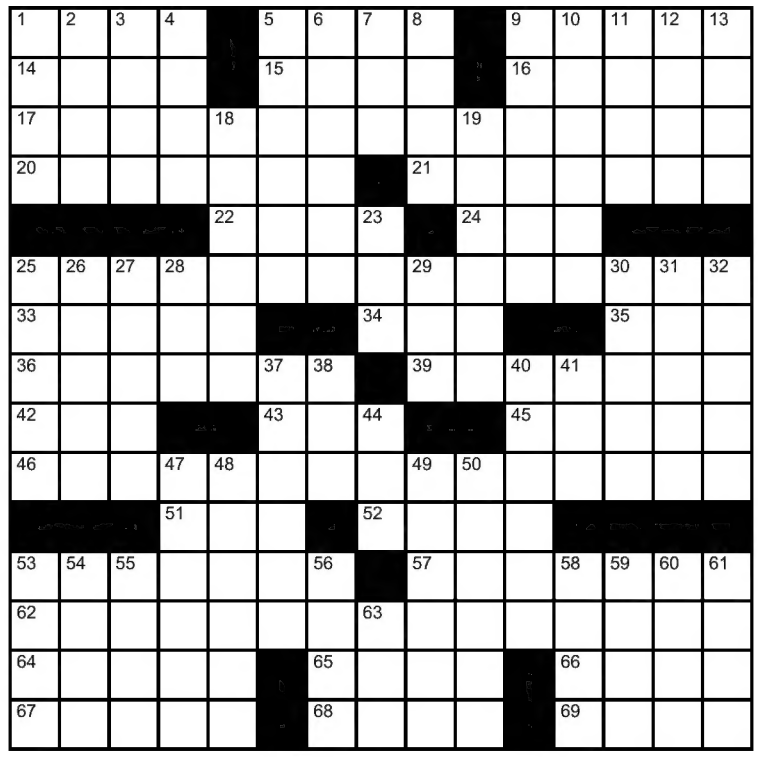

Across

1 Shania's "___ Feel Like a Woman"
5 Tax cheat catcher, for short
9 "___ of Two Cities"
14 Derivation of words: Abbr.
15 Vaccination sticker?
16 Alone on the stage
17 It's shown to the highly esteemed
20 Louis Armstrong's nickname
21 Tiny amounts
22 Ending for right or gas
24 Anka's "___ Beso"
25 From a simple background
33 "Free your pores!" skincare brand
34 Yuletide bev
35 "Arabian Nights" bird
36 Consultant
39 Iran for Persia or Myanmar for Burma, e.g.
42 "Meeting at Potsdam" author Charles
43 Lead-in to Alamos or Angeles
45 "Brooklyn" actress Saoirse ___
46 "But seriously now"
51 Belief system
52 Black seaweed wrapper
53 Had an average golf game?
57 Scented spa purchase
62 Nothing much to do at the moment
64 States with confidence
65 Wire thickness units
66 On a cruise
67 Needing a massage, maybe
68 "You better, or ___!"
69 Initials for the best performer ever, from the first words of 17-, 25-, 46- and 62-Across

Down

1 Computer memory units, casually
2 Gillette's Trac II follow-up
3 "Nope, Nureyev"
4 Colourful Apple
5 "Godfather" group, casually
6 "..., I wake, I pray ___ the Lord to take"
7 Fitting
8 Neithers' partners
9 Birthplace of Saint Francis
10 Head honcho
11 "Break ___!"
12 "Women" playwright Clare Boothe ___
13 Superlative suffixes
18 Features of many crosswords
19 Rise to the surface
23 Ottawa NHLer, to fans
25 "Becoming" writer Michelle
26 Raul Castro's brother
27 Definitely no Taj Mahal
28 Spoon-bending Geller
29 Ending for ball, buff and bass
30 Citizen of Teheran
31 Wanderer
32 Public fracas
37 Dad, in slang, or a southern Alberta river
38 Hook, line and sinker holder
40 Ghostly apparition
41 Keypad figs.
44 Employee I.D.
47 Bad-cheque writers
48 "Guess so"
49 Annual Stockholm prizes
50 Sprinter Andre de ___
53 "... and do it NOW!"
54 Structure with combs
55 Damien horror flick, with "the"
56 "Three Coins in the Fountain" setting
58 Den ___ (Dutch city, to the Dutch)
59 "That is wrong ___ many levels"
60 Brainstorming output
61 Bar exam, for short
63 Diddly squat

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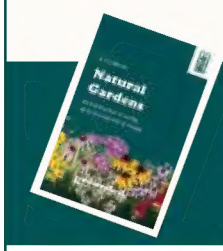

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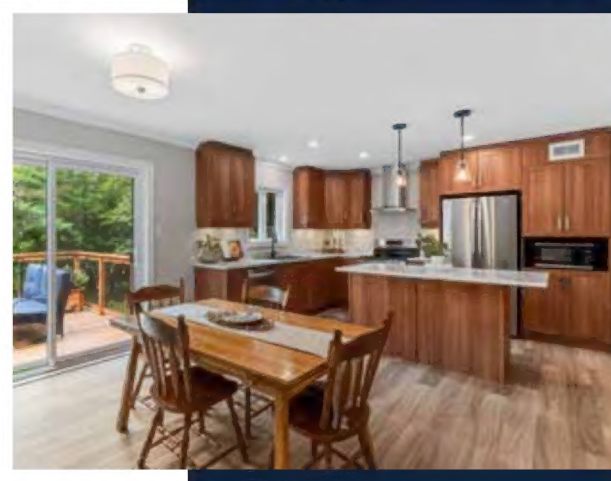

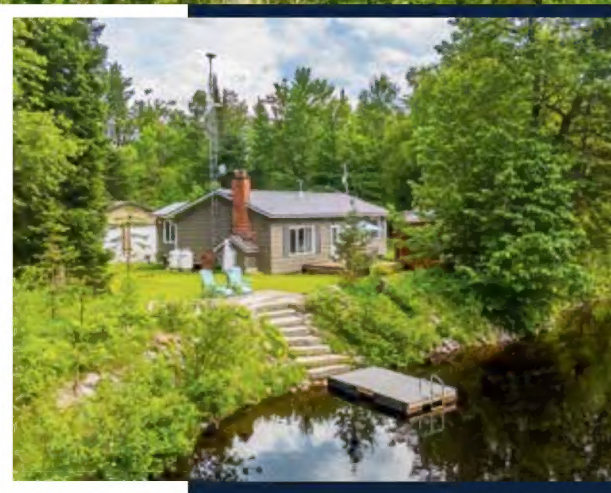

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